

# 2012 NEIGHBORHOOD HABITAT CHALLENGE

**City of Austin and the National Wildlife Federation challenge your Neighborhood to create homes for wildlife by taking the HABITAT CHALLENGE!**

Jester Estates, Windsor Park, Bouldin Creek, Crestview, Copperfield and other Austin neighborhoods have risen to the NEIGHBORHOOD HABITAT CHALLENGE.

This year make your neighborhood a  
**Winner for Wildlife!**

**Take the Challenge, it's easy ...**

**1. Provide these habitat basics:**

**Food** Native plants provide a buffet of nectar, pollen, seeds, berries and more

**Water** A key element for a variety of wildlife

**Cover** Evergreen shrubs and rock walls offer wildlife shelter from predators and bad weather

**Places to raise young** Dense shrubs, a nesting box or pond are examples of places wildlife need to mate and raise their young



**2. Neighborhood participates in a community habitat project such as removing invasive plants, planting trees, restoring a creek area, or planting a neighborhood butterfly garden.**

**3. An article about the habitat challenge is published in neighborhood newsletter and/or website.**

**4. Neighbors certify their properties with the National Wildlife Federation at [www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife) or with a COA pre-paid application by November 14, 2012.**

**5. Celebrate! The top three neighborhoods that complete all the requirements and certify the most new habitats between April 15th and November 14th 2012 will be recognized by the City of Austin and eligible for prizes.**

To request a pre-paid habitat certification application or for contest details contact the Wildlife Austin program: 512-978-2606 or [www.keepeaustinwild.com](http://www.keepeaustinwild.com).

